

MCHENRY COUNTY BOARD
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION MEETING
NOVEMBER 1, 2011

Chairman of the Board – Kenneth D. Koehler (District 2)

District 1 Robert Bless Anna May Miller Marc Munaretto Robert Nowak	District 2 J.S. "Scott" Breeden James Heisler Kenneth Koehler Donna Kurtz	District 3 Mary L Donner Nick Provenzano Kathleen Bergan Schmidt Barbara Wheeler
District 4 Sue Draffkorn John Hammerand Pete Merkel Sandra Fay Salgado	District 5 Tina Hill John P Jung Jr. Virginia Peschke Paula Yensen	District 6 Randall Donley Diane Evertsen Mary McCann Ersel C Schuster

The Honorable County Board of McHenry County, Illinois met in Regular Session on Tuesday, November 1, 2011.

Chairman Koehler called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by County Clerk Katherine Schultz with Members of the Board, department heads and visitors participating. Mr. Provenzano gave the invocation/personal remarks.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called by County Clerk Katherine Schultz. The following members responded: Yensen, Bless, Donley, Donner, Draffkorn, Evertsen, Hammerand, Heisler, Hill, Jung, Kurtz, McCann, Merkel, Miller, Nowak, Peschke, Provenzano, Salgado, Schmidt, Schuster, Wheeler and Koehler. Absent: Breeden and Munaretto. Parliamentarian Jamie Rein was present. Chairman Koehler declared a quorum present with twenty-two members responding. Mr. Breeden arrived after the roll was called.

MINUTES

Minutes of County Board Regular Session meeting of October 18, 2011

Mr. Heisler made a motion seconded by Ms. Donner to approve the above-named minutes.

Chairman Koehler asked if there were any changes or corrections. Ms. Schuster noted some typo's which will be corrected. The Chairman asked for a voice vote, the ayes having it, he declared the motion to approve County Board minutes of October 18th, 2011 with corrections have passed.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Chairman Koehler said he and Mr. Austin were in Springfield last week working with Metro Counties on getting a new Executive Director. The process went well as they had five very good candidates. They did choose one person and the offer is presently being made. The Chairman said he will bring an update to the board as they move forward.

Chairman Koehler said Chief Judge Sullivan is here to speak to the board about Agenda item 11.05 so that will be moved up on the agenda.

NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

11.05 *Resolution Authorizing a contract with New Dawn Technologies Inc. for JustWare Case Management software and an emergency appropriation to the Non-Departmental Fiscal Year 2011 budget ***

Mr. Provenzano made a motion seconded by Mr. Nowak to approve the above-named resolution.

Mr. Provenzano made a **motion to amend** seconded by Mr. Breeden **to remove the words "and the Finance & Audit Committee" from the last Whereas paragraph.**

Chairman Koehler asked for any discussion on the motion to amend. Mr. Breeden said he would like to see the contract prior to this going to Finance & Audit because he has memories of another contract pursuant to this same software application and was very disappointed in what was in that contract. He would like to be prepared knowing what is in the contract before it going to the committee.

APPROVED: 11.15.2011

Noting no further discussion on the motion to amend, the Chairman asked for a voice vote, the ayes having it he declared the motion to amend **to remove the words "and Finance & Audit Committee" from the last Whereas paragraph** has passed.

Chairman Koehler asked State's Attorney Lou Bianchi to come forward to speak on the system being recommended and its importance to his office. Mr. Bianchi said with this software his office would become more efficient and it would be cheaper and faster for his staff to work. He looked at this as a technology table where currently it is a table with three legs and they need one more to make it complete. Mr. Bianchi said when he came into office in 2004 it took six months to archive 600 boxes. Ideally with the new system, he would like to see his office go completely paperless and each attorney have an iPad to go into court with and use in the office. He feels his office needs to be integrated to be able to obtain police reports electronically as well as being able to get things electronically from the Public Defender's office. Mr. Bianchi said this company is one of the best out there and systems can be tweaked depending upon the needs of the office. Both the Public Defender and Mr. Bianchi agree that it will take some time to learn the system but it will be worth it in the end. Mr. Bianchi said he is concerned about efficiency and doesn't want people to get lost in the system.

Tom Sullivan of IT noted that this system will not only benefit the individual offices it will benefit the integrated justice community at the county. Chief Judge Sullivan came forward and said the Circuit Clerk's office, Probation and the Sheriff's office have a system to communicate efficiently through. The State's Attorney's office is a very important part of this system and unless they have the State's Attorney and Public Defender involved he doesn't feel they have an integrated software system. In listening to everything that has been presented Judge Sullivan believes this is very important. He said as the Chairman of the Government's Committee he strongly urged the County Board to consider and support this program.

Mr. Provenzano said as the COW meeting concluded a short time ago the board was introduced to the long term road map for completing the integration. In this resolution today we are only looking at the State's Attorney and Public Defender's component. The second part of the presentation, which was asked to be put in there, was so that we could understand what the big picture looked like and what we were continuing to agree to build as we move forward. He said there are four or five large components that make up the Integrated Criminal Justice System and most of those are completed with the exception of the State's Attorney and the Public Defender's modules. The other integration projects are things that have been identified as lower priority items that would enhance the value of the system as we move forward. Notably, the top ten have been identified and prioritized by the Government's Committee as the most important value items that they should be looking at first. Today the board is only looking at the State's Attorney and Public Defender modules.

Ms. Schuster said she needs reassurance that the original Circuit Clerk's program that was put together is going to integrate into these programs or will we have to go back and put a different program in the Circuit Clerk's office. Mr. Sullivan said the Circuit Clerk's office does have a map of the data base and they have the vendor, ISS, who can help navigate that map and pull out the correct data to push over to the SAO. This will cost some money but money was put into this \$1.5 million they are asking for specifically for that. He doesn't believe we will have to redo the Circuit Clerk case management system in order to integrate with the SAO.

Ms. Schuster asked if the municipalities have been participating financially in any way because they will benefit from this as well and rather than tap our cash reserves, is there any effort in trying to bring some kind of financial support from the municipal governments. Mr. Austin said no, the municipal partners have been a part of the VisionAIR System (the law enforcement end) in the 26 police departments but it is the County's responsibility to run the courts. Mr. Sullivan clarified that the reason the investment was made by the County in the APS System and those being used by municipalities is because it's substantially reducing effort on our part in increasing efficiency.

Ms. Schuster said to the cash reserves is this money that we have been setting aside and earmarking in the cash reserves and how much does it affect the amount that was factored in before we started making bond payments out of the cash reserves. Mr. Austin said this was not factored in but was suggested to the Finance Committee on a couple of occasions that this would be potentially another draw on our reserves. He said there will be discussion with the Finance Committee next Tuesday about some opportunities to use our financial strength in different ways and this will be part of that discussion.

Mr. Provenzano added that when they went to the Law and Justice Committee for our budget process this was not considered one of the supplementals and it was talked about as something that needs to be done but it would be taken out of cash reserves. Mr. Austin said this is outside of the budget and it was noted this will have a 2012 impact to the cash reserves. Mr. Austin was reminded by Mr. Sarbaugh that one of the safeguards built into this contract is

that there are milestones and points with which the dollars are going to be drawing down over the period of the next 18 months.

Ms. Schuster said she hopes that at some point the board will get a full accounting of the cash reserve figure with the earmarks noted. Mr. Provenzano noted that this differs from the last contract in that this County Board has the authority to sign off on the milestones before any money is spent which wasn't the case with the other one.

Mr. Austin said they've talked with Management Services about this being a big part of November as well as with Finance Committee and ultimately with the Strategic Plan meeting in January and it has been a part of the capital plan for several years. Money has been set aside and marked for this Integrated Justice Program. Ms. Schuster noted that some the members were not here when this was initiated so some don't have the same information as others.

Ms. Kurtz agreed that it is critical for McHenry County to have an integrated system to function. She asked Mr. Sullivan about data conversion and if they've done an extensive analysis and about whether this new system will work effectively with the old system. Mr. Sullivan said the SAO and the Public Defender don't have a system and we're not replacing the ICIS, R1 and R2. These systems will be interfacing but there's not going to be much data conversion. Some will be done from the SAO from information they have in Excel spreadsheets. This has been looked at and can be pulled into the new system. As far as data integration between the VisionAIR System and ICIS, New Dawn has already integrated in the past with VisionAIR but has not done so with ICIS but there is a relational data base. Mr. Sullivan said they know they're going to have to bring ISS in, the vendor of that system, to help with the integration but it is doable.

Ms. Kurtz asked about the payment structure in the contract. Mr. Sullivan apologized for rushing through that part going on to say that the \$1.5 million is broken out: \$900,000 which is for services rendered and consulting fees and \$600,000 for the licensing fee. The \$900,000 is going to be paid out per milestone after the people involved sign off that the work is done. The licensing fee payments are going to be paid out over a five month period.

Ms. Kurtz clarified that with Mr. Breeden's amendment the board will not be voting on this today.

Chairman Koehler confirmed that this will be going to the Finance Committee then it will come back to the board.

Several board members were in agreement about seeing a contract and something definitive to look at before voting on this project. A copy of the power point presentation would be helpful as well.

Mr. Provenzano responded that he feels it's unfair for the Chairman of Law & Justice to ask the IT Department what the cost is going to be in five to ten years. After three or four months they come up with information trying to determine what the scope of work would be for twenty projects over ten years and give us a figure and we say it's not specific enough. Mr. Provenzano said the request of IT was a vision of what the long term would be knowing that it wasn't going to have the specificity that one would expect because it is a long view.

Mr. Donley said he disagrees with this because that is the job of the board to know what is being spent not what could be spent. Mr. Provenzano said they set out to identify what else would occur and he thinks they have done a good job in determining that. Today they are not asking for money for the other projects, today they are asking for funding for the SAO and Public Defender part of the integration project. No money will be requested for those additional projects until they have a specific time line and much more detail on what is to be done.

Mr. Donley said he is looking for more detail on cost. On the Circuit Clerk's integration project they thought they had the big picture and later found out that they didn't and they don't want to make the same mistake again.

Chairman Koehler said he believes we have a good idea out to ten years of what the approximate total cost of all this will be and the problem is we don't have this in paper form to look at. At this time it's a good best estimate of what this whole total package will be when it's finished in about ten years.

Mr. Hammerand asked about the funding department number listed on the resolution. Mr. Sarbaugh said it is Non-Departmental so it would stay under the County Board's control and one part of the number is Computer Technology in their chart of accounts. Mr. Hammerand asked what "off budget" means in relation to Mr. Austin's statements.

Mr. Austin responded that it has not been built into the budget yet they are being appropriated in noting that the budget the board will be approving in two weeks will continue to be modified throughout the year as is approved by the board. Mr. Hammerand asked if the two HUBS referred to in the presentation "speak" to each other now. Mr. Sullivan said no. There is some information that is being pushed from the Circuit Clerk's side to the Public Safety side but those two HUB's are not talking. He said that is the enhanced integration they are talking about which is putting software in the middle that would allow those two and the SAO to talk. Mr. Hammerand thought the Circuit Clerk was going to have some interchange there because they weren't getting paper work from the Sheriff. He asked if the SAO had access to these two HUBS.

now. Mr. Sullivan said they have access to the ICIS system to view data but they don't have access to input any data. Mr. Provenzano said early on the Government's Committee had to identify the daily exchanges and what's appropriate for one department to see and not see so having full integration was never really the goal it's the appropriate documents and the appropriate data exchanges that were prioritized. He said there are laws in place that prohibit the exchange of some information. Mr. Hammerand said he thinks we should work on the interchange of documents between the Circuit Clerk, the Sheriff and the State's Attorney before we get into what we're doing here. Mr. Sullivan said the first step is to create this case management system for the State's Attorney and after that something can be put in the middle that starts moving the data between the Circuit Clerk, State's Attorney and Public Safety. Mr. Hammerand said he is afraid the systems will become obsolete before everything is interconnected.

Ms. McCann talked about the funding for this project asking why we should be taking money out of the 2011 budget. Mr. Provenzano said as he understands it no expenditures will be occurring until 2012 and why spend \$1.5 million dollars out of cash reserves when we're under the gun to get a balanced budget. This is a monumental decision and that is why it has gone through the meetings that it has. He has always wanted to have a good discussion with the full County Board on this project which is what we're doing now. Mr. Provenzano said we are making sure we understand the specific needs of the case management system and how each department enters into the integrated justice system. Ms. McCann asked if Law & Justice could have a joint Finance & Audit meeting next Tuesday to discuss this because not only does the contract need to be looked at she thinks we need a better understanding of where the money is coming from and how we're going to cover them in the future so everyone is on the same page.

Ms. Evertsen said she appreciates the passion for this project and the need for efficiency that this system can offer however we all recognize that computer hardware and software is outdated in a very short time. She is concerned about the upcoming expenses and the life expectancy of the program. Mr. Sullivan said under the maintenance agreement that we're paying \$151,000 annually for the company comes out with two upgrades per year that are included in this agreement so there is some protection there. In regard to how long software will last, Sustain ran for 20 years and the finance system has been running for 15 years which is a very long time. Mr. Sullivan said if we put in this case management system for the SAO and we start building these exchanges that are self encapsulated and well documented, when you do have to change them out, you know what you have to do. Mr. Sullivan said we do need to keep in mind that building the exchanges does take a long time.

Mr. Nowak agrees that the technology and upgrading is needed for efficiency purposes, but he asked if the county had a 5-year expenditure plan per department. Mr. Austin responded that the county does have a 5-year financial model which has guided this board to its current financial strength. As we wrap up the fiscal year 2012 budget we need to update the financial model and share it with the board. Built into the model are a series of assumptions of capital expenditures like integrated justice noting that this has been built into the model for a number of years. Mr. Breeden reiterated that yes we have some reserves but those have been built over the years pursuant to projects that we have ear marked and this is one of them. He said perhaps we need to make it a little more apparent with regard to what ear marks are there with the situation of our capital reserves.

Ms. Donner thanked all of the employees that are here today regarding this project and suggested that everyone who has questions to bring them to the Finance & Audit meeting next Tuesday. She asked that a copy of the power point presentation be sent to all board members so they can look at it and see those numbers better.

Ms. Salgado said she is ready to vote on this today and feels that some of the questions being asked are moving into an area where board members shouldn't be. The COW meeting was specific to the resolution before the board today and also included information from the Government's Committee, although too short of a meeting, it did talk about what is before us today.

Ms. Schuster asked for the total amount anticipated for this project and if the amount includes the initial amount that was paid out through the Circuit Clerk. Mr. Sullivan said \$14 million is the anticipated amount being spent on integrated justice after ten years and does include the \$4 million spent in Circuit Clerk, the \$4 million spent by E-9-1-1 and would include the \$1.5 million we're talking about today and the \$3.8 million for the exchanges that they talked about over the ten year time period. Ms. Schuster asked if there was a chance of getting more funds from the various departments who collect fees. Mr. Sullivan said Circuit Clerk is willing to share in that \$3.8 million where it's going to enhance their business and the same thing from the E-9-1-1 side. Ms. Schuster said she is concerned about hackers into the system and the information that can be lost. She asked about the security of the system.

Mr. Sullivan responded that within the case management system there is security built into it and is built upon the relational data base so that you need a login and a password to get into the system and there are rules built into the system, where people are only assigned access to see certain screens based upon their role within the SAO. He said when we start talking about integrating the different systems we have to work with the Integrated Justice Governments Committee because we have to hash out what those security concerns are and who should have access to what information then that security is built into the system. Also there are firewalls in place noting that they will need to be upgraded within three to four years. Mr. Provenzano noted that federal and state statutes require that when we are working with this kind of data we must have certain security levels. Ms. Schuster thanked everyone for all of the information and work that has gone into this because she does believe it is a critical part of our system that we have to stay on top of.

Ms. Hill made a **motion** seconded by Mr. Breeden **to send this resolution, 11.05, to the Finance Committee.**

Chairman Koehler asked for any discussion on the motion to send this to the Finance Committee.

Mr. Breeden said he would like to see this come to the Finance Committee meeting because they have not seen a contract and a contract needs to be reviewed before voting on this project. Mr. Sullivan said they are close to having a contract done; he and Mr. Bianchi are doing a final review on it now and will get it to the Finance Committee.

Mr. Hill said as Vice Chair of Finance after listening to fellow board members and all of their questions she feels that the Finance & Audit Committee should be reviewing the contract carefully before any funds are spent. She said she feels that trying to get questions answered down to the nitty-gritty as to how the system is going to work to her is micro-managing. This is why she would like the Chairman to close the comments and move the meeting along.

Mr. Provenzano explained that after Law & Justice voted on this project and resolution he thought there would be so many questions from the full board that sending it to Finance really wouldn't be the best way to vet all of the questions. In working with Mr. Breeden, Mr. Austin and Chairman Koehler they all agreed that it would be best to have a COW meeting and try to get through all of the questions and then determine its best path from there. Up until now there was no clear path for this to go. If anything, he feels we're adding a greater level of transparency and opportunity for questions and answers. He feels continuing the questions and answers at Finance is a good idea and where it goes from there will need to be determined.

Ms. Peschke said she doesn't understand why this would go to Finance now if there isn't a contract to review. Chairman Koehler said and Mr. Sullivan agreed that the contract is pretty close to being finalized and that contract is what they will have to review.

Noting no further discussion, Chairman Koehler asked for a voice vote on the motion to send item #11.05 to the Finance Committee, the vote being too close to call, the Chairman Koehler asked for a roll call vote. The following members responded aye: Yensen, Bless, Breeden, Donley, Draffkorn, Evertsen, Hammerand, Heisler, Hill, Kurtz, Merkel, Miller, Nowak, Provenzano, Schuster, Wheeler and Koehler. Nay: Donner, Jung, McCann, Peschke, Salgado and Schmidt. Absent: Munaretto. The vote being seventeen (17) ayes and six (6) nays noting one (1) absent, the Chairman declared the **motion to send Agenda item #11.05 to the Finance Committee to come back to the board at a later date has passed.**

Chairman Koehler apologized to everyone saying this was a very important topic and it required more time than was allotted for discussion.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

7.05 Proclamation to recognize Gail Brown for 17 years of service to the McHenry Co Historic Preservation Comm
Mr. Heisler made a motion seconded by Ms. Peschke to approve the above-named Proclamation.

Chairman Koehler asked for a voice vote, the ayes having it he declared the motion passed.

The chairman asked Gail Brown to come forward and presented her with a Proclamation Certificate. Ms. Brown thanked the board for their continued support of the Historic Preservation Commission.

7.10 Proclamation to recognize Denise Collis for 12 years of service to the McHenry Co Historic Preservation Comm
Mr. Heisler made a motion seconded by Ms. Peschke to approve the above-named Proclamation.

Chairman Koehler asked for a voice vote, the ayes having it he declared the motion passed.

The Chairman asked Denise Collins to come forward and presented her with a Proclamation Certificate. Ms. Collins thanked the board saying it has been an honor to work with the County. Ms. Wheeler thanked Ms. Collins and all of the volunteers and said we are fortunate to have such dedicated people as their work is not a hobby it is a lifestyle.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

8.05 PACE – FY 2012 Budget presentation – Mayor Shepley and T.J. Ross

Mr. Shepley, representative of PACE, came forward and was pleased to announce that PACE is presenting a balanced budget without the need for fare adjustments or service reductions to McHenry County. He believes that PACE is an organization who does more with less and this budget shows that. He said \$1.2 million dollars of bus service was cut to reduce their expenses because the money from the state sales tax has been steadily declining. Expenses for 2012 for the suburban service which includes the fix route services are estimated to be about \$195 million dollars which is 4.8% higher than what they had last year with most of it as the result if increases in fuel prices, health care, wage increases and service expansion in other areas than the ones they cut. Of note is that fuel costs in the 2012 budget are anticipated to be \$22.5 million dollars up from \$15 million dollars in 2010. On the revenue side, they are expected to be at about \$54.5 million dollars with RTA sales tax, matching state contributions and federal grants covering the remaining \$140.5 million leaving a balanced budget. Mr. Shepley said for the 2012 capital program, one of the largest in PACE's history, they will be spending \$100 million dollars in capital funds this year. The sources of these funds are some CMAC funds, IDOT funds, Federal 5307 funds and Federal-State of Good Repair grants and PACE funds. The majority of the capital funds are going to be used to replace fixed route buses totaling 172 vehicles. On the Para-Transit side they have a \$126.5 million dollar budget that includes costs associated with providing the ADA Para-Transit services in the suburbs and Chicago as well as the taxi access program which is a subsidized taxi service offered only in Chicago. Mr. Shepley said due to increased demand, expenses for 2012 are expected to be unfavorable by \$4.5 million dollars however the ADA Fund has sufficient resources to cover that over budget condition. For 2012, ridership and demand are anticipated to grow by 5% and the budget will require \$115 million dollars in funding, an amount constrained to the new ADA Fund level as allowed by the RTA. Mr. Shepley said a major challenge for them for 2012 will be trying to keep their costs down while increasing productivity.

In McHenry County they have annual budget hearings that pertain to METRA, PACE and RTA. Theirs was held on October 18th at Crystal Lake City Hall with only one person in attendance. Mr. Shepley said the issue of service along the northern corridor was brought to their attention earlier this spring. They are in the early stages of exploring ways to service transit from Hebron through Richmond Twp to Burton Twp and on to the Fox Lake METRA. These are areas of McHenry County that don't currently receive any value for their dollar. Mr. Shepley said for as long as PACE has been in existence McHenry County has been a donor county meaning that more tax dollars are generated to the RTA sales tax than have been returned back in the form of service for PACE noting that METRA does provide critical service for McHenry County. Mr. Shepley said thanks to the leadership of this County Board and hard work of others we're getting closer to a break even proposition for McHenry County and with the McRide program that allows people to use those transit services to go across municipal boundaries which is critical to the utility of that service in McHenry County, we're even closer to where we need to be.

Chairman Koehler asked if there were any questions. Ms. Peschke commented that gas prices have gone down recently and wondered if PACE was planning for the future to go to natural gas vehicles. Mr. Shepley said they just had a presentation about that at a PACE board meeting a couple of meetings ago. Mr. Ross said in looking at this they have two ideas: one is that they have a garage to replace and if they replace that it would be done with a garage that they could operate compressed natural gas buses out of; then they have another garage they are looking at to convert. He said using natural gas has different fire codes than using diesel fuel. Mr. Ross said about half of the transit buses in the US are now being manufactured as natural gas.

Ms. Kurtz asked if PACE's staff could provide the board with their monthly minutes so they will be able to see the progress that PACE is making. Mr. Shepley said yes that can be done but also noted that he believes they are on their website.

8.10 METRA – FY 2012 Budget presentation- Jack Schaefer and Rick Mack

Mr. Schaefer said it's been a good year in terms of rebuilding for METRA because in February they hired a new Executive Director, Alex Clifford, after an extensive countrywide search. He apologized for not being here today, he had to be at a meeting in Cook County. Mr. Schaefer said they have started to refill some of the vacant top positions but they are facing a major budget crisis which has been brought about by two things. First is fuel, running 700 trains

a day they go through a lot of fuel and recently they have switched to a low pollution type diesel that is slightly more expensive, but a good investment particularly as it affects the air quality in the downtown stations. In 2000 their fuel cost was \$44 million dollars, in 2011 it is \$70 million dollars and in 2014 it is projected to be \$90 million. This is one of two factors driving the fare increase that they are looking at. Second, for the last few years they have been using capital funds for operations. He explained that a number of years ago there was a reform bill in the Legislature, they went down there saying we don't have the money to meet the requirement of 55% from the fare box, and instead of them giving money they gave them fare box recovery ratio relief. What they were really saying, in his opinion, was do not raise your fares. Mr. Schaefer said now they are looking at a 25% increase. The board has made the decision they're not going to use capital funds for operations as it is a downward spiral they want to avoid. There will be a hearing tomorrow night in Woodstock City Hall where they will give a presentation and he hopes that people will attend. Mr. Schaefer said they have cut costs everywhere they can think of i.e. management staff has not had a raise in several years, they've cut out contractual people and cut the lobbyists back, before going to these extremes. They also considered reducing services but when you eliminate a train you eliminate the revenue that the train produced. Mr. Schaefer asked staff theoretically what kind of reduction in services they would need if they didn't want to do a fare increase and the response was 46% of the trains, which is unacceptable. Mr. Schaefer pointed out that they have not had a capital program from the state in ten years and federal funding has been a problem as well. There is no money for new projects but they were able to get the environmental study going again on new start projects in McHenry County. He has been pushing that because some day the economy will recover and we may be able to move forward. Mr. Schaefer said on a more positive note he has asked Senator Althoff to look into seeing if we can get the Marengo extension finally moving a little bit. She said she would look into it. The legislators and mayors from the South suburbs introduced and passed a bill that created a transit district in that area for the sole purpose of expanding almost totally METRA service in that area. Now they're trying to create a transit district, which is what he is suggesting, for Marengo, Union and Huntley that could move the whole timetable forward. METRA has done the first feasibility study which was released recently of which he has sent copies to the Chairman and Chairman of the DOT Committee, to the mayors and area legislators. Everyone he has talked to has been enthusiastic about the idea. Mr. Schaefer said they're trying to say when there is capital money available he wants us to be in the front of the line with people from the South side. He believes this project cries out to be done and would be a huge success if they could get it done.

Mr. Schaefer commented on the complaints they've received about their conductors not collecting fares. METRA's new Exec Director used their internet connections and newsletter to get their customers to help them out. Along with putting "mystery riders" on the trains and meetings with their unions and employees, they've had an extensive program start up. He's wearing a button that says "Be Fair, Pay the Fare" and this program has been very successful. Mr. Schaefer gave Ms. Peschke one of the first buttons because she has been commenting on this for quite some time. Ms. Peschke noted that she rode the train over the weekend and fares were not collected until the Park Ridge stop. She once again suggested the use of fare cards. Mr. Schaefer said METRA is under a mandate by 2015 for a universal fare card and he admits that the technology is very interesting. Their problem is that the CTA and PACE have barrier situations, people get on the bus and the driver is right there or they go through a turnstile to get on the CTA whereas on the train doors open on every car at every stop. Hopefully with this mandated card it will eliminate this problem totally. Mr. Schaefer said their first goal has to be state of good repair on everything they have and their next goal is to expand services.

Chairman Koehler asked if there were any questions. Mr. Provenzano thanked Mr. Schaefer and METRA for the train station on Pingree as he and his family uses it quite often. He asked if there was a way to find the resources to provide the Crystal Lake Police with an opportunity to patrol Pingree Station which would allow METRA to leave the station open in the winter months. He understands there are concerns but in the winter only being able to stand on the freezing platform with the station locked up is difficult. Mr. Shepley said they are aware of this and there have been ongoing discussions between METRA staff and the City of Crystal Lake and they will continue to collaborate with them until they get this worked out. Mr. Shepley said they are going to continue to devote the resources necessary to make sure that this station is not only safe but a good looking train station as well. He said they do have issues with homeless people but they are more downtown than anywhere else. Chairman Koehler recommended more cameras. Mr. Shepley said they have introduced the technology at Three Oaks Recreation Area where there are infrared cameras on that whole facility anywhere you can come in and go out so that they can monitor. The availability for technology is not an issue and they can look at that. Mr. Provenzano asked about METRA's WiFi project. Mr. Schaefer said they have gone out for bids on that and they are under mandate to get WiFi at no expense to us or to the riders. That is possible the CTA has done it with some success. They are looking at several vendors and he expects to see WiFi on the trains within the next year.

Ms. Kurtz asked if the board could receive METRA's minutes, Mr. Schaefer said he will take care of that.

Ms. Kurtz talked about the idea of doing a rail extension. She requested that should that discussion take form in terms of having some dates identified, it would be helpful to not only go before the Transportation Committee but also to come before the board and help them to understand the analysis that has been done and how they may be of assistance. Also, she asked if an extension were to happen how the expansion would impact other services. Mr. Schaefer said he has been talking to Ms. Miller of the Transportation Committee about coming in and talking about this and the fare increase. He said the most optimistic scenario he can come up with today for service in Marengo is 15-20 years from now. The point being if we don't start doing something now it will be 40 years from now. He believes with the cooperation they have had with PACE that this would actually compliment what PACE is doing. Ms. Yensen amplified Mr. Schaefer's comments because of the controversy with the extension from the Geneva train station to Elburn at one point. She said the people using the Elburn station were driving in from Iowa and DeKalb and other long distances to leave their cars and go to the city for jobs. There was the problem of no cab service or bus service to shuttle back and forth if they need to get into Elburn (their train station is in a cornfield). The cab service numbers listed on the trains information only went to Geneva. Mr. Schaefer said the Elburn station has been a big success and exceeded what was predicted. The city planners wanted the Elburn station to be where it is because there is planning for a massive development around it hopefully once the economy turns around. Mr. Schaefer said that project gives him further encouragement why the Marengo, Union, Huntley addition would do well. Also of note is that Belvidere and Rockford are interested as well. Chairman Koehler thanked Mr. Schaefer and Mr. Ross for their presentation today.

8.15 RTA – FY 2012 Budget presentation – Al Jourdan and Grace Kaluchi

Mr. Jourdan came forward. He said two weeks ago this Thursday the RTA board and all of the service organizations presented their budgets. Finances are very difficult and everyone is working diligently to keep a handle on their budgets. Mr. Jourdan introduced Grace Kaluchi (sp), Chief Financial Officer for the RTA board to give the presentation.

Ms. Kaluchi said as 2011 comes to an end the service boards are on track to end the year with balanced budgets. 2011 thus far has been marked by very positive financial performance as sales tax revenue has come back stronger than expected and after two years of decline, ridership has stabilized and is expected to increase about 1% based on last year's numbers. In addition there were no fare increases or service cuts in 2011, however the service boards did each need to transfer capital funding to the operating budget, a practice that has continued to weaken their ability to maintain and repair their extensive capital infrastructure. She said that development of the 2012 operating budget has required that the service boards face difficult decisions. Sales tax revenue overall remains significantly below the levels that were anticipated when the new RTA funding and reform legislation was passed in 2008 and in addition, the City of Chicago real estate transfer tax, a funding source although designated just for the CTA, has been depressed further than the regional sales tax. Ms. Kaluchi said fare increases were implemented at both CTA and PACE in 2009 and service cuts in 2010. She said she is pleased to report that the 2012 budgets for each of the service boards do not include any transfers of capital funds to the operating budget. Some of the tough decisions that were made were a fare increase for METRA and CTA is proposing a significant amount of work rule changes through negotiations with their unions that they believe will result in more efficient operations. If those are not achieved they will then have to have fare increases and/or service cuts. PACE suburban service was able to develop a balanced budget based on previous restructuring and reductions in 2009. PACE ADA service has benefited from the passage of new legislation in 2011 that has amended the RTA Act to reestablish the ADA fund at a level sufficient to cover all of its operating expenses. Ms. Kaluchi said the 5-year RTA capital program emphasizes bringing the system into a state of good repair. For 2012 to 2016 nearly \$4 billion dollars of funding is budgeted with the largest of those sources being federal funding accounting for 41%, followed by state funding at 26%. In the capital program, 38% of the projects will be dedicated to rolling stock purchases and 31% to track and structure projects to areas that they consider have the greatest direct impact and transit users. She said as they struggle to deal with budget shortfalls it is important that they retain their focus on customers and their needs. The RTA works to develop coordination among transit services in the region that optimize their capital investments, increase operational efficiencies and enhance the customer experience. They have partnered with the service boards on a variety of initiatives that require collaborative efforts and have advanced the development of a regional asset condition assessment that documents the funding needed to bring their infrastructure into a state of good repair over the next ten years. The amount is a staggering \$24.6 billion dollars, nearly half of that just to bring it into a state of good repair and then the remaining to keep it there over that ten year period. Over that same time period roughly one-third of that need is what they are estimating in revenue sources. Ms. Kaluchi said with funding from the federal government they're also developing a capital prioritization tool to assist them in the development of a strategic capital investment program. They know they don't have enough funding but they need to prioritize those projects that have the most impact on the customers, increasing ridership, maintaining the levels of service in the region, and providing them with

some optimization relative to the operating budgets. She added that they are also working with the service boards to implement a 5-year program of traffic corridor optimization, improvement in transit technologies that can provide riders with regional real time travel information and trip planning and improved signage in the downtown locations to help customers navigate the transition between commuter rail and urban transit services. Development of a regional open fare payment system is under way that will make the system easier to access for both regular and occasional users of their system with their objective being a universal fare payment system that covers all three of the service boards, CTA, METRA and PACE. Ms. Kaluchi said this fall they will implement a customer wide regional satisfaction survey that will assist the development of action plans to respond to their customers priorities. This will be the first time that they are doing a regional customer satisfaction survey and that all three of the service boards are cooperating with the RTA to do this. Ms. Kaluchi said in closing the RTA and service boards remain committed to provide their customers with the best possible service.

Chairman Koehler asked if there were any questions. Ms. Yensen said there has been a proposal for consolidation of the boards in the legislature and she wondered if there has been any discussion within the boards about this. Ms. Kaluchi responded that there has been discussion over the years on this but she can't comment on what is in the state legislature. She did say at the RTA level they are trying to increase coordination with the three agencies, increasing things that would produce economies of scale, such as joint procurements. They are looking at operating more as a system.

Ms. Kurtz asked if the RTA could provide their minutes from meetings to the board. Ms. Kaluchi said the minutes are posted on line within 48 hours of their meeting but they can e-mail those minutes to board members as well. Ms. Schuster asked that the agendas be e-mailed as well so that they have some idea of what is coming up at the meetings.

Chairman Koehler thanked Mr. Jourdan and Ms. Kaluchi for their presentation today.

PLATS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Koehler explained the rules of Public Comment. The following person spoke:
Nick Chirikos of Algonquin regarding/for Historic Preservation Committee

Noting no others wishing to speak, the Chairman closed Public Comment.

NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

11.10 *Resolution Amending Resolution #R-201110-12-250 to Approve Compensation for the County Board Chairman and the County Board Members*

Mr. Breeden made a motion seconded by Ms. Hill to approve the above-named resolution.

Chairman Koehler asked for any discussion. Mr. Austin said a math error was discovered on the previously approved resolution and this resolution is to correct that noting that the pay for board members starting 2013 is reduced from \$21,500 to \$21,000.

Ms. Miller said she has heard from many people since the pay increase was approved who are unhappy about this. One of their concerns is the fringe benefits that board members receive so she would like to make a change to this.

Ms. Miller made a **motion to amend** seconded by Ms. Salgado **to change the health benefits contribution from board members to 45%**.

Ms. Schuster asked if we could do this. Parliamentarian Jamie Rein said this resolution is only to amend the compensation being paid and not to reconsider the entire motion so the **motion by Ms. Miller is out of order**. Ms. Rein said technically this is a scrivener's error. If the board wants to reconsider the complete resolution they must take a different route.

Ms. Miller asked if the board could vote on the compensation amendment then make a motion to reconsider the resolution. Ms. Rein said you can only reconsider something on the day that you did it so she believes the entire resolution would have to be rescinded and start the entire process over; she would need to check Roberts Rules on this.

Chairman Koehler said we will take Ms. Rein's opinion right now with Ms. Miller's motion being out of order.

Chairman Koehler asked if there is any discussion on the main motion.

Ms. Schuster said does not want to vote on a new resolution.

Mr. Hammerand asked if we can only talk about the compensation amount. Ms. Rein said it is her understanding that this was brought solely for the purpose of amending the resolution based on a scrivener's error in the amount from \$21,500 to be changed to \$21,000, which is the amount she saw in a memo associated with this. If the intent is to debate this whole thing over again, then we need to be taking a different process and rescinding it and starting over.

Mr. Hammerand asked if this is the salary at the end of this year. Chairman Koehler said that is the ending salary for anybody that was on the first tier. Mr. Austin said the higher end board members will receive \$20,988 in FY 2012; the Committee of Chairs agreed that they wanted to freeze that rate and round it to an even number, so they rounded it up to \$21,000, going up \$12. That was to be the number for FY 2013 and 2014 and then see after that. After lengthy discussion, the board agreed to freeze the pay for all four years at \$21,500. Mr. Hammerand said this did not come through Finance and feels this was taken out of order. Mr. Austin said the original compensation resolution did not go through Finance it went only to the Committee of Chairman, and the direction was to bring it from there to the County Board. Mr. Austin said when this error was identified he spoke with Chairman Koehler and the Finance Chairman about how to correct this because \$21,500 was not the intent. The direction was to bring it back to the board as soon as possible and close this loop. Chairman Koehler agreed this is just a correction from the \$21,500 to \$21,000.

Ms. Miller clarified that the only thing the board is voting on today is the correction on compensation from \$21,500 to \$21,000. Chairman Koehler said yes. A yes vote will be to accept that correction.

Mr. Provenzano said he is concerned about what the paper is going to print on this. He has been trying to find a venue to get his pay frozen at the current rate and he keeps getting resolutions to give him a pay raise. He will be voting against this because it is still a pay raise. Mr. Austin responded that this full board has agreed to \$21,500 starting fiscal year 2013. If the board does not vote for this correction the pay will be \$500 higher than was intended in 2013.

Ms. Yensen is in agreement with Mr. Provenzano as to perception and she will be voting no again as voters are against any kind of pay increase.

Ms. Evertsen said when the vote was taken on this initially she was confused and voted the wrong way and there was nothing she can do about that. However, on this she also will be voting no as she and her constituents are against any pay increase.

Ms. Donner clarified that there is nothing the board can do about the raise they are going to get on December 1st, 2011 for 2012 and unless the full board is reelected they are not giving themselves a raise after that point for four years. By making a change to what was voted on and now being amended, in 2013 the full board will be brought to one level of pay.

Ms. Hill asked for clarification on how this resolution was directed to come to the board today to be rectified. It seems to her for a scrivener's error we shouldn't be voting on this, it should just be corrected. She asked if there was a process for her to remove this and just get the scrivener's error corrected. Chairman Koehler said Mr. Austin told him about the error and they concurred that it needed to be corrected and it was a joint decision to bring it here. Ms. Rein said the best thing to do since it is the expenditure is to take a vote on it. Ms. Rein said if it is the intent of the board to rehash the whole thing then someone would have to do a motion to rescind the entire thing and you would have to have a two-thirds majority vote to rescind and start over. If you vote on this resolution board members can vote how they choose and then allow for comment afterwards that board members can state that they stand by their original vote so that it is noted in the record.

Mr. Austin said an e-mail was sent to the paper explaining the error that was made so that hopefully no big article will be done again.

Mr. Hammerand said he feels \$21,500 is fair. When he has talked to his constituents he has explained things to them and he took a lot more heat with the Chairman's salary than he did on the compensation for County Board members.

Mr. Bless made a **motion to call the question**, seconded by Ms. Hill.

Chairman Koehler asked for a voice vote on the motion to call the question, the ayes having it noting a few nays, the motion has passed to call the question.

Chairman Koehler said we are going back to the original motion to approve 11.10 Resolution Amending Resolution #R-201110-12-250 to Approve Compensation for the County Board Chairman and the County Board Members. The Chairman said this will reduce the compensation in 2013 from \$21,500 to \$21,000.

Ms. Miller said when she saw this back here today she didn't see this as a scrivener's error she thought this was being brought forward for debate and what we are doing is tying people in to this one portion of it. From her perspective when this showed up again, she felt that the whole thing was up for debate not just the correction being pointed out.

Chairman Koehler said the question was called so we must take a vote and apologized as he shouldn't have allowed Ms. Miller to comment.

Chairman Koehler asked for a roll call vote on the motion to approve 11.10 *Resolution Amending Resolution #R-201110-12-250 to Approve Compensation for the County Board Chairman and the County Board Members* Noting that a yes vote is to lower the compensation from \$21,500 to \$21,000, a no vote will keep the compensation at the \$21,500. The following members responded aye: Bless, Breeden, Donner, Draffkorn, Heisler, Hill, Jung, Kurtz, McCann, Merkel, Miller, Nowak, Peschke, Salgado, Schuster and Koehler. Nay: Yensen, Evertsen, Hammerand and Schmidt. Absent: Donley, Munaretto, Provenzano and Wheeler. The vote being sixteen (16) ayes and four(4) nays noting four (4) absent, the Chairman declared the **motion to approve 11.10 Resolution Amending Resolution #R-201110-12-250 to Approve Compensation for the County Board Chairman and the County Board Members has passed.**

Mr. Hammerand made a motion seconded by Ms. Evertsen to rescind item #11.10 a **Resolution Amending Resolution #R-201110-12-250 to Approve Compensation for the County Board Chairman and the County Board Members**

Chairman Koehler asked for any discussion on the motion to rescind this resolution that just passed.

Mr. Hammerand said he feels that after lengthy discussion on the resolution at the last meeting where the figures on that resolution that they considered were wrong, the County Board members were not aware of what they were voting on, he believes the whole resolution should be reconsidered.

Noting no further discussion, the Chairman asked for a roll call vote noting that a two-thirds majority vote of the people present is needed to approve to rescind. The following members responded aye: Evertsen, Hammerand, Miller and Schuster. Nay: Yensen, Bless, Breeden, Donner, Draffkorn, Heisler, Hill, Jung, Kurtz, McCann, Merkel, Peschke, Provenzano, Schmidt and Koehler. Absent: Donley, Munaretto, Nowak, Salgado and Wheeler. The vote being four (4) ayes and fifteen (15) nays noting five (5) absent, the Chairman declared the **motion to rescind Agenda item #11.10 as named above has failed.**

APPOINTMENTS

Ms. Hill made a motion seconded by Ms. Donner to approve the following Appointment:

McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission
Lynn M. Gray term to expire 11/30/2013

Chairman Koehler asked for a roll call vote. The following members responded aye: Yensen, Bless, Breeden, Donner, Draffkorn, Evertsen, Hammerand, Heisler, Hill, Jung, Kurtz, McCann, Merkel, Miller, Peschke, Provenzano, Schmidt, Schuster and Koehler. Absent: Donley, Munaretto, Nowak, Salgado and Wheeler. The vote being nineteen (19) ayes noting five (5) absent, the Chairman declared the motion to approve the appointment has passed.

STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN UPDATES

Mr. Breeden said if there are any questions regarding the Integrated Justice Program, please call or e-mail him with those questions or come to the Finance meeting so that all questions can get answered before bringing this back to the full board.

Mr. Merkel said in regard to Building Projects that the demolition of the old Valley Hi and the court renovation has been ongoing. They will get an update together for the board for the next meeting.

ROUTINE CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Koehler asked if any member would like to remove an item from the Routine Consent Agenda. Ms. Hill asked to pull item #14.10 I(05) from this agenda today. Ms. Donner asked to abstain from voting on item #14.10 K(05), K(10), K(15), K(20), K(25) and K(30) as they have to do with a contract with PACE. Ms. Miller said she will be abstaining from voting on #14.10 K(30). Ms. Evertsen asked to remove item #14.10 K(60).

Ms. Jensen made a motion seconded by Ms. Evertsen to approve the Routine Consent Agenda with seven items removed.

Chairman Koehler asked for a roll call vote. The following members responded aye: Yensen, Bless, Breeden, Donner, Draffkorn, Evertsen, Hammerand, Hill, Jung, Kurtz, McCann, Merkel, Miller, Nowak, Peschke, Provenzano, Schmidt, Schuster and Koehler. Absent: Donley, Heisler, Munaretto, Salgado and Wheeler. The vote being nineteen (19) ayes noting five (5) absent, the Chairman declared the motion to approve the Routine Consent Agenda with seven items removed has passed.

Ms. Miller made a motion seconded by Ms. Peschke to approve the following Resolutions:

14.10 K(05) *Resolution Approving Illinois Department of Transportation Land Acquisition for Improvements to U.S. 14 and an Emergency Appropriation to the Non-Departmental Fiscal Year 2011 Budget ***

14.10 K(10) *Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of the IL Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Grant #10-662002*

14.10 K(15) *Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of a Modification to the IL Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Grant #10-653002 and an Emergency Appropriation to the McHenry County Workforce Network Fiscal Year 2011 Budget ***

14.10 K(20) *Resolution Authorizing a Budget Line Item Transfer in the Facilities Management Fiscal Year 2011 Budget*

14.10 K(25) *Resolution Authorizing Budget Line Item Transfers Between the Debt Service Funds in the Fiscal Year 2011*

Noting no discussion, the Chairman asked for a roll call vote. The following members responded aye: Yensen, Bless, Breeden, Draffkorn, Hammerand, Hill, Jung, Kurtz, McCann, Merkel, Miller, Nowak, Peschke, Provenzano, Schmidt and Koehler. Nay: Evertsen and Schuster. Abstain: Donner. Absent: Donley, Heisler, Munaretto, Salgado and Wheeler. The vote being sixteen (16) ayes and two (2) nays with one (1) abstention and five (5) absent, the Chairman declared the motion to approve 14.10 K(05), K(10), K(15), K(20) and K(25) as named above has passed.

14.10 K(30) *Resolution appropriating funds for the 2012 Transit Grant Program*

Ms. Yensen made a motion seconded by Ms. Peschke to approve the above-named resolution.

Chairman Koehler asked for any discussion. Mr. Hammerand said he feels that we have the concept that if we vote against accepting grants from PACE, RTA and METRA that we're somehow being fiscally prudent. Although he understands part of that, people of McHenry County at one time had an opportunity to vote all of these governmental agencies in and he voted no at the time but his constituents at that time voted it in. He suggested a referendum to put these back on the table and see if these services could be withdrawn. Because not accepting the money while we're still being taxed puts us in the situation of being a donor to other counties.

Ms. Schuster said any time she encourages this process she has people behind her who are unhappy about county government and government in general. She said not accepting these dollars for these particular programs doesn't mean that we can't get those dollars for other parts of the program where these funds can and should be used. Ms. Schuster said she can't encourage something that she believes is totally inappropriate for county government.

Noting no further discussion, the Chairman asked for a roll call vote on item #14.10 K(30). The following members responded aye: Yensen, Bless, Breeden, Draffkorn, Hammerand, Hill, Jung, Kurtz, McCann, Merkel, Nowak, Peschke, Provenzano, Schmidt and Koehler. Nay: Evertsen and Schuster. Abstain: Donner and Miller. Absent: Donley, Heisler, Munaretto, Salgado and Wheeler. The vote being fifteen (15) ayes and two (2) nays noting two (2) abstentions and five (5) absent, the Chairman declared the motion to approve #14.10 K(30) has passed.

14.10 K(60) Resolution Appropriating funds for Parcel Title Searches

Ms. Miller made a motion seconded by Ms. Yensen to approve the above-named resolution.

Chairman Koehler asked for any discussion. Ms. Evertsen promoted transparency for the people who might not have been able to attend Transportation Committee meetings. The title company that is being recommended for approval has worked for the County for a number of years and she feels in the future others should be asked to participate as well.

Noting no other discussion, the Chairman asked for a roll call vote to approve item #14.10 K(60). The following members responded aye: Yensen, Bless, Breeden, Donner, Draffkorn, Evertsen, Hammerand, Hill, Jung, Kurtz, McCann, Merkel, Miller, Nowak, Peschke, Provenzano, Schmidt, Schuster and Koehler. Absent: Donley, Heisler, Munaretto, Salgado and Wheeler. The vote being nineteen (19) ayes noting five (5) absent, the Chairman declared the motion to approve item #14.10 K(60) has passed.

ORDINANCES

For Review:

15.05 (A) Ordinance Amending Building Use Ordinance

15.05 (B) Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. O-201011-12-060 Adopting the McHenry County Statement of Economic Interest Addendum Ordinance

15.05 (C) Ordinance Amending McHenry County Building, Zoning, Stormwater, Subdivision and Motel License Fee schedule

Ms. Hill put the above-named Ordinances up for 30-day review. She asked that staff make sure to put these on the next agenda, even if nothing is said, so board members do have the opportunity to speak on them.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Austin told the board that last week the Personal Property Replacement Tax was protected as a source for funding for Regional Supt of Schools however there is no resolution yet to the issue of hiring a Regional Supt of Schools. They will be following that issue when they reconvene in the second half of the Veto Session next week. Related to state legislation, the Legislative & Intergovernmental Affairs Committee is still in the process of putting together McHenry County's legislative program for 2012. Mr. Austin said he will be attending the MCCOG Legislative Committee meeting on Friday to monitor what they are doing as he wants to create as much harmony between their program and ours as possible. He asked if there are particular items that any board member would like the County to work on for the state legislative program, please let him or Adam know. Adam will be putting together another draft for the Legislative Committee to look at a week from Thursday. He's hoping this will be wrapped up at the December morning meeting.

Lastly, Mr. Austin said we are now starting the review and evaluation process for all employees. He will be meeting with appointed department heads in the middle of November and then a follow up meeting in December. If board members have any comments or questions about any of our appointed department heads please let him know.

MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Ms. Peschke apologized to board members as she didn't see the heading soon enough but in regard to the compensation amendment she believes that we should have done a Resolution to Correct a Scrivener's Error in which case other debate would not have been brought up.

Ms. Miller thanked DOT, Joe and Jason specifically. There was a lot of information on our agenda this morning regarding the transit agreements and plans and the memo they put together to explain it all and the way it was presented to the Transportation Committee took a difficult task and simplified it for most of us.

Mr. Hammerand said he attended the Greenwood dedication for the road and thought it was well attended and very nice.

Chairman Koehler commented about an inference of members being recognized when they hit their light. The Chairman said when a member hits their button their light comes on and the next person in line to speak (in the order they pushed their button) their light blinks on the Chairman's monitor. The procedure that he has taken as has other board chairman before him, is that you allow the courtesy of people to be able to speak once before you recognize a same person to speak for a second time. He tries to be accurate at that but he does allow members to speak three times trying to give equal time to those who wish to speak.

The Chairman also apologized for the fact that the COW meeting wasn't long enough today as it was evident that there was a lot more to learn. The Chairman said the problem is if we don't have a COW meeting before another meeting we don't get the attendance that we need. He is open to any suggestion on how we can do this as this was too important of an item to just let slide by. He encourages everybody who wants to learn more about the Integrated Justice Program to attend the Finance Committee meeting. And also he believes that everyone should have had a copy of the slides that were shown at the COW meeting because there were a lot of numbers. He asked Mr. Austin to make sure those copies are at the Finance Committee meeting as well as e-mailing everyone a copy.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Donner made a motion seconded by Mr. Nowak to adjourn at 12:20 p.m. Chairman Koehler declared the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Dated and approved at Woodstock, Illinois this 15th day of November, A.D., 2011.

s/ Kenneth D Koehler
Kenneth D Koehler, Chairman
McHenry County Board

ATTEST:

s/ Katherine C Schultz
Katherine C. Schultz, County Clerk